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# EDITORIAL

Up up up and out into space hovered an alien spaceship. The spaceship contained a group of television researchers from the planet Brain in the process of analysing humanity, in order to compile a three-minute comedy item for their top-rated television show, 'That's Amazing, Brainians', which followed the six o'clock news.

The researchers were pleased, they had noted much which was amusingly amazing, and they assured each other that Earth had provided the easiest bit of researching that they had done in aeons. Brain is populated by beings of immense intelligence and so far it had taken them only a quarter, of a quarter, of a single second to assimilate and comprehend humanity.

All those things which we on Earth believe to be complex and difficult had been simplicity itself to the beings of Brain. What happened to Elvis Presley; what Hamlet's problem was; how to set the timer on a fourteen-day video-recorder - these things were not mysterious to Brainians. In that quarter, of one quarter, of a single second they had answered it all. Although, in fairness, it must be added that two weeks later, back on Brain, the researchers would discover that they had managed to record 'Adventures on Kythera' rather than 'Dirty Harry' which they really wanted to watch.

But such slight slip-ups aside, the Brainians had humanity taped. They understood the rules of cricket, how stripes get into the toothpaste and the reason why there is no word in English for the back of the knee. In that quarter, of one quarter, of a single second the research team had answered all the great philosophical questions. They knew whether an object still exists when you are not looking at it (it does); whether the refridgerator light turns off when you close the door (it does); and why people eat Kentucky Fried Chicken even though it makes them feel ill (human beings are stupid).

But then, they were stumped. They had encountered one aspect of human activity which astonished and mystified even those hardened researchers. Researchers who thought they had seen every ill-

and lunacy that the universe had to offer. On this very planet they had seen pointless wars and pointless destruction; they had listened to the music of James Reyne; they had read the novels of James Joyce - and they had understood it all. But this one had thrown them. This one had them scratching their multiple thought podules in a perplexed manner and saying 'akjafgidkerhs lejhs!h hei!', which translates as 'Gosh, that's weird!'

The Brainians had discovered a problem which even their superior thought processes could not comprehend. It was something they had never encountered before. It was... Gospya's Editorial Page.

But the Gospyan editors knew what they were doing and that's why they appointed moi, Sia, the task of writing this edition's editorial. So here goes...

\* Congratulations go to the six young ladies who were presented at our annual Debutante Ball. Without these elegant and beautiful young ladies, and their pretty flower-girls, the Debutante Ball would have been an impossibility.

\* Also not forgetting our charming and handsome (???) escorts, and their page boys, for without them the Debutante Ball would not have been the same.

\* On the subject of the Debutante Ball:

-which two particular escorts have a bizzare fascination for Elvis 'The King' Presley?

-which male committee member stormed out of the very last Debutante Ball practice to go see 'Terminator 2'? Oh yes, he returned five minutes later. Short movie?

-which escort was caught using the microphones at a Debutante Ball practice in the Greek Club, where the walls are paper-thin and there was a very important function in the next room?

-why was there an Elvis impersonator in the next room on  
the night of the Debutante Ball?

\* Congratulations to John and Helen Simonidis who were recently  
married. We hope your future life together will hold all that you  
hope for.

\* Congratulations are also due to Andy Stamatiou and Freda Spero  
on their engagement. We wish you all the best for the future.

Well that's all from me. I hope you enjoyed my first  
(and only) editorial.

See you soon



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone!

Well, what else can I say, but WOW!!

Saturday, October 5 was the night of nights. The most elegant, the most glamorous event - the 9th Annual Debutante Ball.

Firstly, my congratulations and applause to our six lovely debutantes and their handsome escorts for:

- a) enduring our gruelling practices and,
- b) presenting themselves at the Ball beautifully, and making us all proud of them.

I am sure those who attended would agree that the Ball proved to be a great success with fine food and entertainment. There is so much to tell you about the night that a complete report appears later in this newsletter along with photos from this extravaganza.

However, I would like to thank those who, in particular made the Ball such a memorable occasion. They are the 1991 Debutante Ball committee, all of our sponsors and donors, The debts and escorts, and the list goes on...But of course, thanks to you for attending and supporting us all for this important night. I was very pleased to see so many youth attending this year and I thank you.

All of your support and praise has made all the hard work worthwhile. But now, you'll just have to wait a little longer to read about what happened at this year's Deb Ball.

On Friday, September 27, we had another of our popular Trivia Nights. Once again it was great to see GOSP Hall filled with our Trivia buffs. I would like to thank those who attended and those who organised the night which proved to be a great success.

Another Trivia Night is set for Friday, December 6 at 7.30 pm in the GOSP Hall. So come along and join in on all the fun. It's a great way to spend a Friday night.

Things will be a bit quiet for a while due to exams (a very dirty word) but December will come in with a bang. Apart from our next Trivia Night, we are also planning a Christmans Boat Cruise and Sports Night on Sunday, December 8. You may contact either myself on 398 5398 or Sophia on 343 5176 for bookings or any enquiries you may have. But, stay tuned for more details.

The combined youth groups are also planning for the Christmas season. A pool party is being organised and also the traditional Fancy Dress Taverna night on Boxing Night. More details will be given in later newsletters.


Inside this issue we also have a report from our delegates who attended the Archdiocese Conference in Adelaide along with photos.

We also have a Trivia Night report along with some of our regular features.

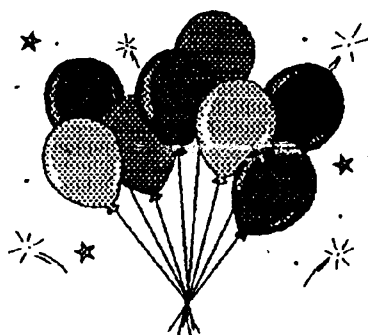
Before I go, however, I would like to congratulate Venny Ikonomo for coming runner-up in the Miss All Nations Quest, who has been a great representative for the Greek Community.

See you all the Boat Cruise and the Trivia Night!

Bye for now!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Petra", with a small flourish underneath.

GREEK ORTHODOX SOUTHSIDE PARISH  
DINNER DANCE



DATE: Saturday 9th November, 1991

TIME: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

VENUE: Gambaro's Reception Centre  
33 Caxton Street  
Petrie Terrace

COST: \$50.00 per person

Savouries, Mezethes, 3 course meal, tea, coffee & mints will be served.

Champagne on arrival - Red & White Wine - Beer - Orange Juice & Fruit Punch is all inclusive in the above price until 12.30 pm.

An enjoyable evening has been planned - highlights include:

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES - AUCTION - RAFFLE

MAJOR AUCTION ITEM: *Holiday for two for seven  
nights at Hamilton Island*

We are still seeking donations for the Raffle or Auction. If you are able to assist, please phone Irene Prineas 396 9863, Katreena Angus 390 3619 or Peter Castrisos 379 6782

To avoid disappointment please book early - phone any of the above to make your booking.

The proceeds of this function will go towards THE URGENT REPAIRS to the creek behind the church as requested by the Brisbane City Council.

# Trivia Brings in the Crowds

A Trivia Games night, the ninth for the GOSPYA Trivia Team, was held on Friday September 27th. The event was covered exclusively by the GOSPYAN News journalism team, with reporter Pete Kondostandoulantokatos being eyewitness on the scene.

It seems that GOSPYA Trivia nights have something of a cult following among its participants, with enormous crowds flocking to the scene on selected Friday Nights, packing into GOSP Hall at the usual starting time of 8pm. Members of Trivia teams have been known to beg, barter, plead and grovel in an attempt to secure some of the precious answers to the questions asked on the night.

Indeed, the weeks leading up to a Trivia Night are often as exciting as the night itself. It is well known that the judges often "leak" snippets of

information in an attempt to entice and/or sidetrack the various teams.

Steven Kazoullis, one of the organizers of the event, traced back the origins of the game.

All participants, young, old and in between are brought together in an air of excitement at GOSPYA Trivia Nights.

"GOSPYA Trivia Games Nights have now been happening for quite a while. This one was our ninth, you know."

"We began as a simple three-person committee, consisting of Leah Kypriadakis, Eleni Mihalitsis and myself. Originally, the first trivia nights were just an extension of Fellowship. We meet every second Friday at GOSP Hall at 7:30. Sometimes we go bowling, sometimes we play Tavli or Monopoly. So we said to ourselves 'Why don't we try Trivial Pursuit?'. So we did."

On our first night, we weren't too sure what to expect. We just got up and timidly asked our six questions each,



and then sat down again. We weren't quite sure on how to run the thing. As it turned out, everyone had a great time, and each time we held a Games Night, the attendance grew and grew, until slowly we built up quite a large following. People would meet us in the street and ask us 'When are you having another one?'. We would tell them when the next one was on, and the next question would always be 'Can you tell us some of the questions?'"

"Pretty soon, it was out of control. It wasn't long before we needed a computer to help us with the marking of the questions. Eventually, of course, we ran out of ideas. Basically, we were too tied in with the 'Five equal parts per question' philosophy, and our creativity did not venture much past that."

"Once Kon Penklis came on the scene and basically took over the narrating and began providing the creativity we needed, the whole thing exploded into what it is today."

Indeed, in the more recent Trivia Nights, the teams participate in physical exercises, memory quizzes, and risk questions in which they gamble many points on a single question.

"We really have questions for everyone. We have sporting questions, Current Affairs, Science, Literature, Art, Music (which is my favourite), and History. Many people think that they can't play because they don't have a PhD in Biochemical Engineering. Actually, a PhD in Biochemical Engineering would be of very little use, because I don't think we have ever asked any Biochemical Engineering questions. Most people are amazed at

how well they can play if they have a good, well-balanced team. It is important to understand that the questions do not depend on the player himself, but on the combined efforts of six players, each of whom may know a little about a particular topic. Together, they are six times as good."

"With Kon overseeing and coordinating the questions, we are now quite organized and streamlined in our operation. Quite frankly, I don't quite know how we come up with so many questions in time for each Trivia Night, with so many to spare. We throw away the questions that are too difficult or too easy or just plain silly. The most important thing in composing questions is variety and creativity. We are about two Trivia Nights ahead with our questions now."

Unfortunately, Steven would not disclose any of the coming questions. His reply was "Να μη σε νοιάζει".

I suppose all we can do in reply to that is to stay posted and looking in GOSPYAN News for the next Trivia Night on December 6th.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

More than three hundred people from all over Australia (even one from Perth) converged on Adelaide on the week-end of the twenty-eighth of September. No . . . the Grand Prix won't be held early this year - they went to participate in the Fifth Biennial Conference of Greek Orthodox Youth. They came to learn, to express their concerns and opinions to our Church Leaders; to meet different and interesting(?) young people from other states; and, not least, to have some fun and a good break from studies or work.

Proceedings began on Sunday afternoon with 'Registration' and Vespers, where His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos officiated. We were honoured to have Prof. Paschos from Greece leading the choir in that service - he was well worth hearing. That evening the Governor of South Australia, Dame Roma Mitchell, officially opened the Conference in the Grand Hall of the State Bank Centre (it was actually the foyer). There followed a reception where we were entertained by a string quartet (i.e. if you got close enough to actually hear them). The rest of the evening was left free for people to socialise informally.

Early the next morning the chartered buses transported the delegates to St Peter's Girls' School - the Conference venue - where the real work began. After the Orthos service, the Archbishop delivered his paper which was entitled 'Physical and Spiritual Fathers'. It set out to define the concept of 'fatherhood' and compare and contrast the roles of the spiritual and physical father. The subsequent workshop session provided a lively forum for discussing these issues and each group was later given an opportunity to express its opinions to the whole conference. Afterwards the Lord mayor hosted a reception for the delegates at the Town Hall and this was followed by a dinner dance at the Port Adelaide Community Centre. Everybody enjoyed themselves and - judging by the number of late-comers the next day - some more than others.

On Tuesday, Professor Paschos from the University of Athens presented his paper - 'Mystical-Neptic Fathers and Modern Man'. Even though it was rather long (I'm sure very few delegates actually read through all twenty-four pages of it), it provided a good introduction to Orthodox mystical theology. The workshop, again, allowed people to concentrate on and discuss those areas which they considered relevant and report back to the Conference. The rest of the afternoon was taken up with resolutions, farewell addresses and 'thank-you's' to all the people who helped make the conference a resounding success.

In the evening we all boarded a hired train and headed to the Barossa Valley for dinner. The trip took about one and a half hours each way but everyone was kept well entertained by our own group of roaming singers (in which Queensland delegates featured prominently). For those who still had the stamina to go on, there was a boat cruise on the next day. I heard that it was very good.

Many thanks must go to Bishop Joseph and the Adelaide youth for organising such a successful conference. And guess what! . . . the next one is going to be held in Brisbane. So, in the immortal words of Father Elias - "You aint seen nothing yet!"

Terry Bozikis  
St Andrews Theological College

5th  
 Anniversary  
 Conference!!!



Some  
 of the  
 Queensland  
 delegates

GOSPYA's  
 delegates

- \* Elaine Bozikis
- \* Terry Bozikis
- \* Tina Bozikis



# FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 25 :

FELLOWSHIP

MOVIES AT CARINDALE

NOVEMBER 8 :

FELLOWSHIP

BOARD GAMES AND COFFEE

NOVEMBER 22 :

FELLOWSHIP

BOWLING (MT. GRAVATT)

DECEMBER 6 :

TRIVIA NIGHT

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# TRIVIA

# NITE

7.30 p.m.

# DEC. 6

# GOSP HALL

## DEBUTANTE BALL REPORT

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After months of preparation, practise, nervousness, tension, running around & numerous discussions, the time had finally descended upon us - that inevitable night had arrived!

As with every other Deb. Ball, we always worry whether or not we are ready to stage such an event, but fortunately, we were.

The Ball was held at The Greek Community Centre on Sat. 5th Oct., which was a suitable venue for our gala function of the year. Our Matron of Honour was Argiro Hatzifotis & our Guest of Honour was the Attorney-General of Qld, Dean Wells.

The highlight of the evening was of course, GOSPYA's 6 beautiful debutantes: Vicki Marentes, Helen Castrisos, Evonne Leon, Anastasia Kassianos, Maria Castrisos & Kalliope Tarros & their charming escorts Stephen Levonis, Nick Vaitas, Peter Feros, Martin Drakos, George Delibaltas & Vass Malanos. The pretty flower-girls were Eleni Anthony & Marie Kostis and the page-boys were Andrew Kassianos & Peter Maniatis.

The evening was an outstanding success, due to the attendance of the family & friends of the Deb. party (& not to forget the excellent organization of GOSPYA'S Deb. Ball committee: Patra Ganis, Maria Kazoullis, Afroula Inglis, Marea Kyprios & Sia Kassianos!!)

We wish to thank the donors of the raffle prizes: Atlas Travel Service, Chandlers (CARindale), Graceville Superior Fruits & the Greek Club & also thanks to our other many sponsors for the evening.

This memorable evening was captured on video & may be purchased from Patra Ganis for \$ 35.

We would like to thank GOSPYA's youth who attended on the night & next year our theme is 'A DECADE OF DEBUTANTE BALLS.'

See you next year,  
Deb. Ball Committee. '91







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Hi sports fans....STOP PRESS !!!!!!

At 3.00pm on Saturday 19th October 1991 , the phone rang , & we have just been informed by Sophia Hadgis that GOSPYA's NETBALL TEAM WON THE GRAND FINAL!!!!!!!

Thank-you to all of the spectators who supported the girls & I'm sure that you all cheered them along.

At half-time we were 2 points behind.....

At full-time the score was 23 all.....

And then they went into 10 minutes overtime.

Finally , GOSPYA was victorious with the final score being 30 to 28.

CONGRATULATIONS girls,for your enthusiasm & effort-YOU have done GOSPYA proud.

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